THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

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MURMUR

ISN'T THAT ONE OF THE DC OFFICERS THAT WE SAW YESTERDAY?

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YEAH AT THE CLUB RUSH CEREMONY. I THINK HIS NAME IS ARTHUR!

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YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE YOU APPLIED FOR IT AS WELL, HUH.

A FIRST YEAR SCHOLAR MAGE GETTING INTO THE DC? HE'S GOT TO HAVE CONNECTIONS OR SOMETHING.

I HEARD THAT ALL OF THE DC OFFICERS HAVE TO BE SUPER STRONG THOUGH.

LOOK HOW POPULAR YOU ARE...

MURMUR

MR. DC OFFICER.

MURMUR

I DIDN'T THINK THAT THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE WOULD GET THIS MUCH ATTENTION...

IT SURE DOESN'T HELP THAT YOU'RE LITERALLY ONE OF ONLY EIGHT STUDENTS THAT HAS A BLACK UNIFORM IN THIS ENTIRE SCHOOL.

MURMUR

MURMUR

CHATTER
HA HA
/HA \ HA
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A CONJURER?

WITH ENOUGH CONTROL OVER HIS CORE THAT I CAN'T SENSE HIS LEVEL...

CHATTER

CHATTER

THUMP

...SILENCE...

NOW THAT I HAVE EVERYONE'S ATTENTION,

ALLOW ME TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO *FUNDAMENTALS OF MANA THEORY*. I AM PROFESSOR AVIUS.

WHILE I CAN IMAGINE THERE MAY BE OTHER MORE INTERESTING TOPICS THAT YOU ALL ARE NOT-SO-QUIETLY GOSSIPING ABOUT...

I'D LIKE TO BORROW YOUR ATTENTION FOR THE DURATION OF THIS CLASS.

WHILE THIS IS TECHNICALLY A BASIC CLASS,

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR YOU TO KNOW MUCH OF THE TOPICS WE'LL COVER THIS SEMESTER.

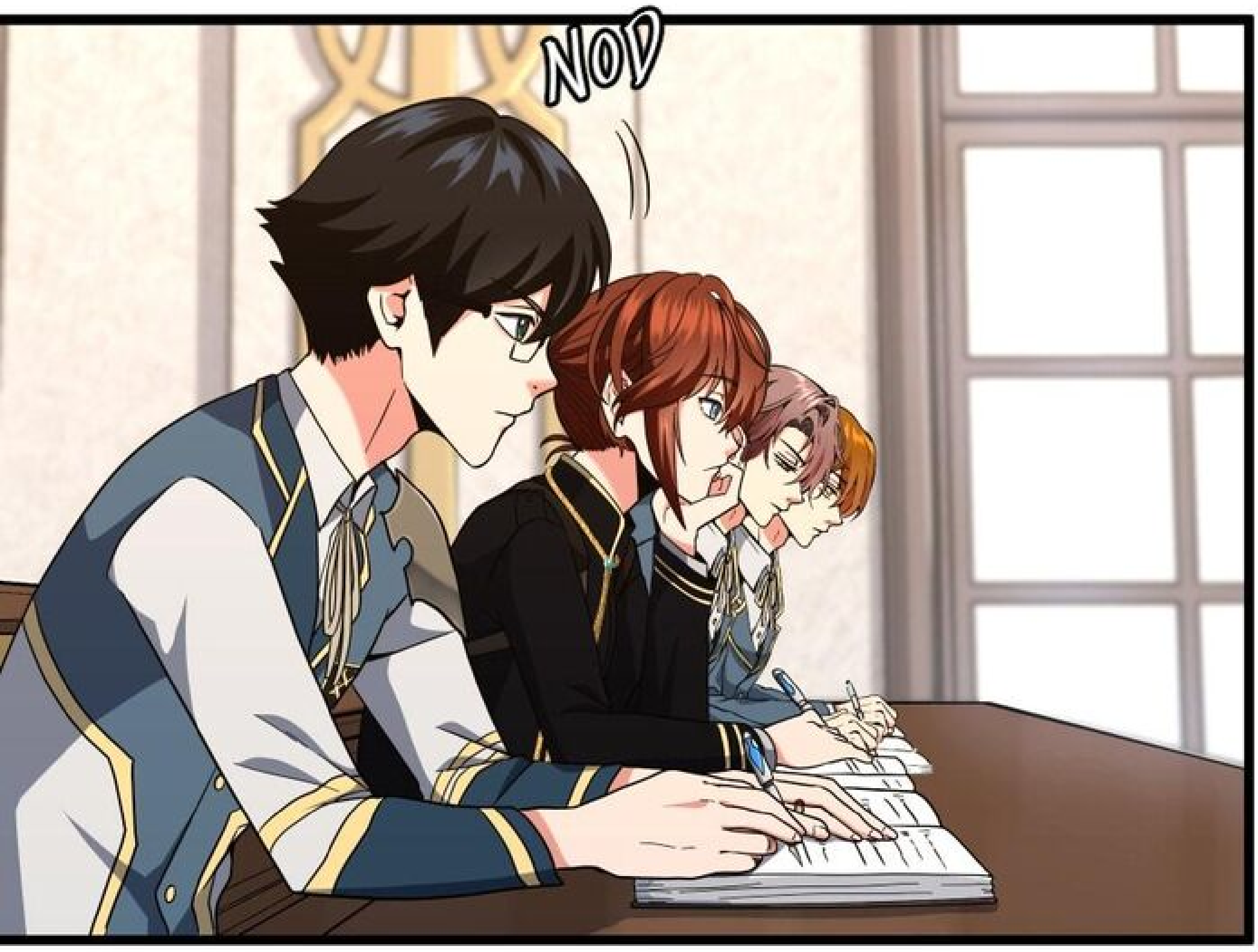
AND TO FURTHER EMPHASIZE THAT, I WILL BE SURE TO GIVE OUT PLENTY OF FUN PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS ALONG THE WAY!

IN LIGHT OF THE NEW CHANGES STARTING THIS YEAR,

I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WHAT ACTUALLY STARTED THE WHOLE "CONJURERS ARE BETTER THAN AUGMENTERS" STIGMA.

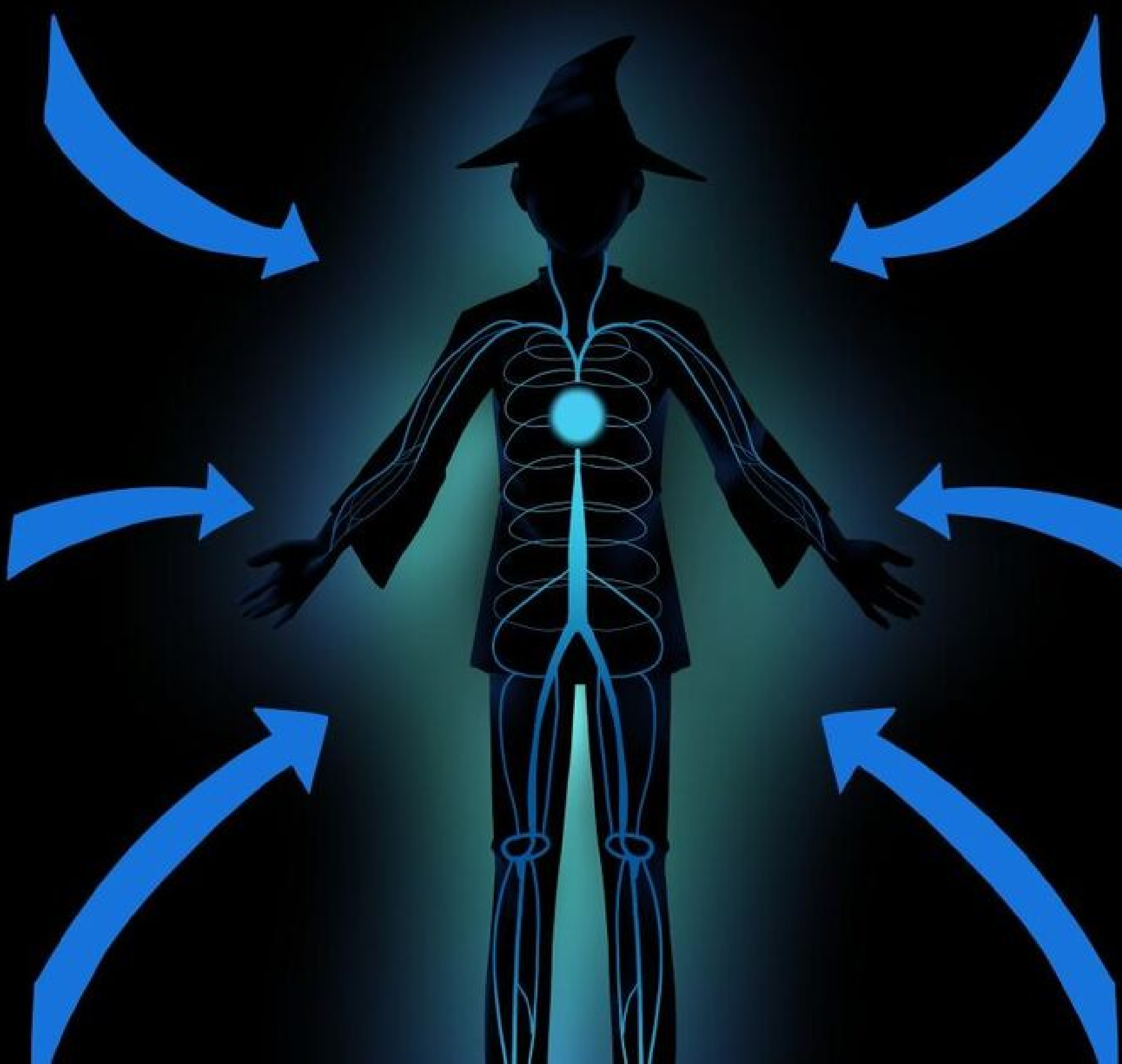
IN THE OLDEN DAYS, WHEN ACHIEVING EVEN AN ORANGE CORE WAS CONSIDERED EXTREMELY DIFFICULT,

CONJURERS HAD A HUGE ADVANTAGE OVER AUGMENTERS.



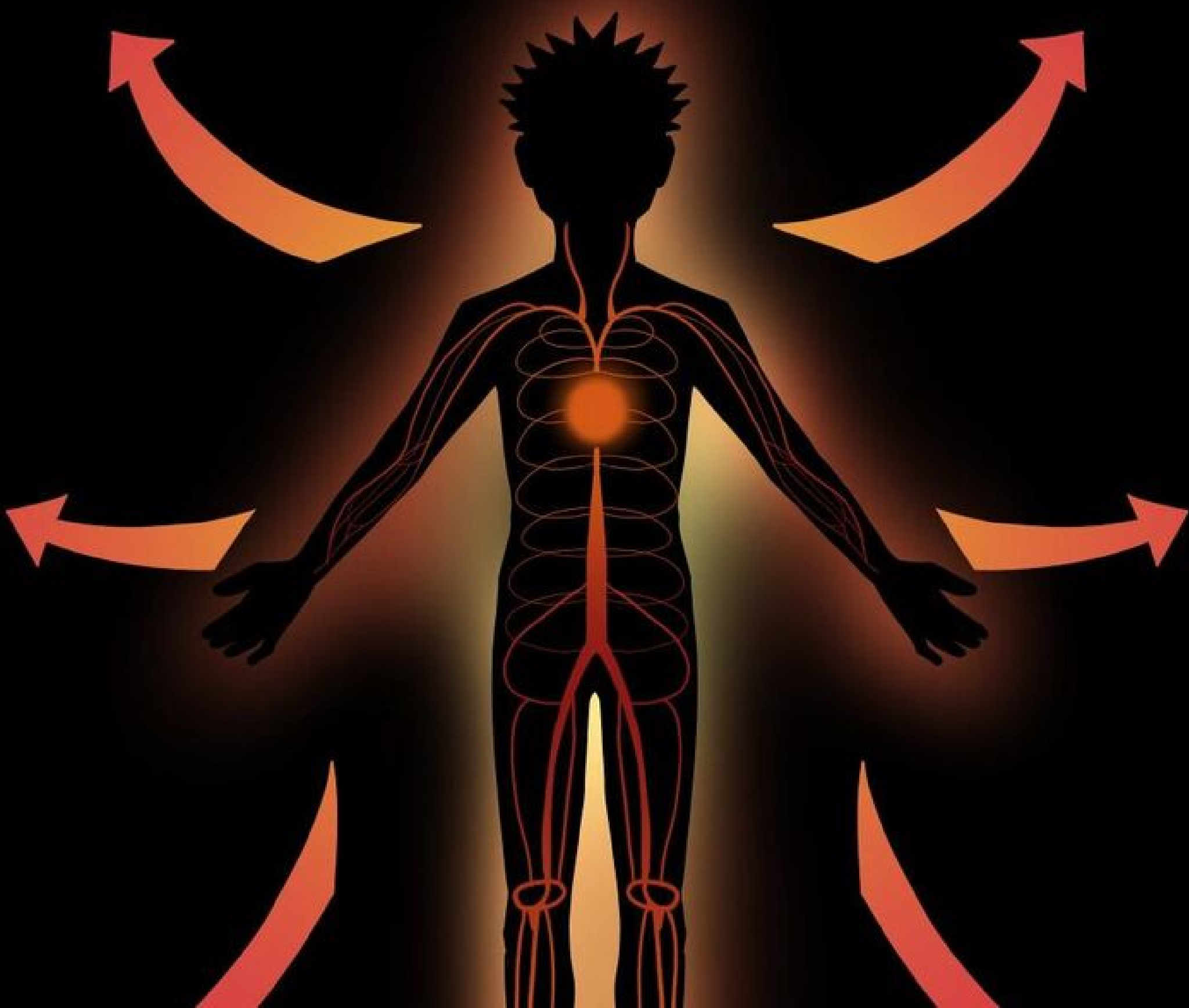
PHYSIOLOGICALLY, CONJURERS HAVE MUCH MORE DEVELOPED MANA VEINS,

WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ABSORBING AMBIENT MANA AND TRANSPORTING IT TO THE MANA CORE.



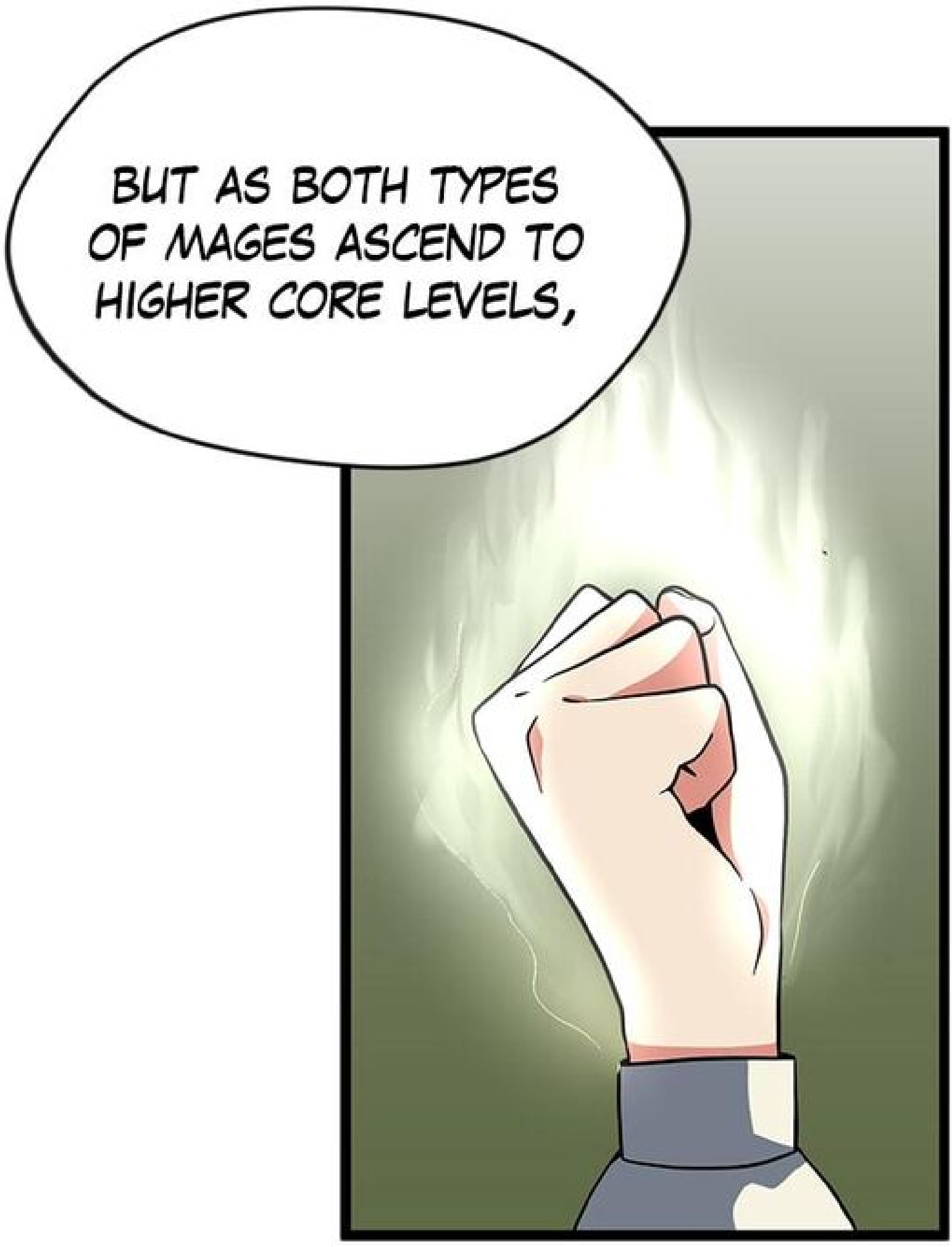
MEANWHILE, AUGMENTERS NATURALLY HAVE MORE DEVELOPED MANA CHANNELS,

WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MANA FROM THE MAGE'S CORE OUT OF THE REST OF THEIR BODY.



BECAUSE OF HOW MUCH MORE EFFICIENTLY CONJURERS ARE ABLE TO ABSORB THE MANA AROUND THEM,

IT IS MUCH EASIER
FOR THEM TO ASCEND TO
HIGHER CORE LEVELS.


BUT AS BOTH TYPES
OF MAGES ASCEND TO
HIGHER CORE LEVELS,

THIS DISTINCTION BECOMES LESS PRONOUNCED.

CONJURERS WILL BE ABLE TO MORE EASILY DISTRIBUTE THEIR MANA THROUGHOUT THEIR BODY

WHILE AUGMENTERS WILL HAVE BETTER CONTROL OVER MANIPULATING MANA REMOTELY.

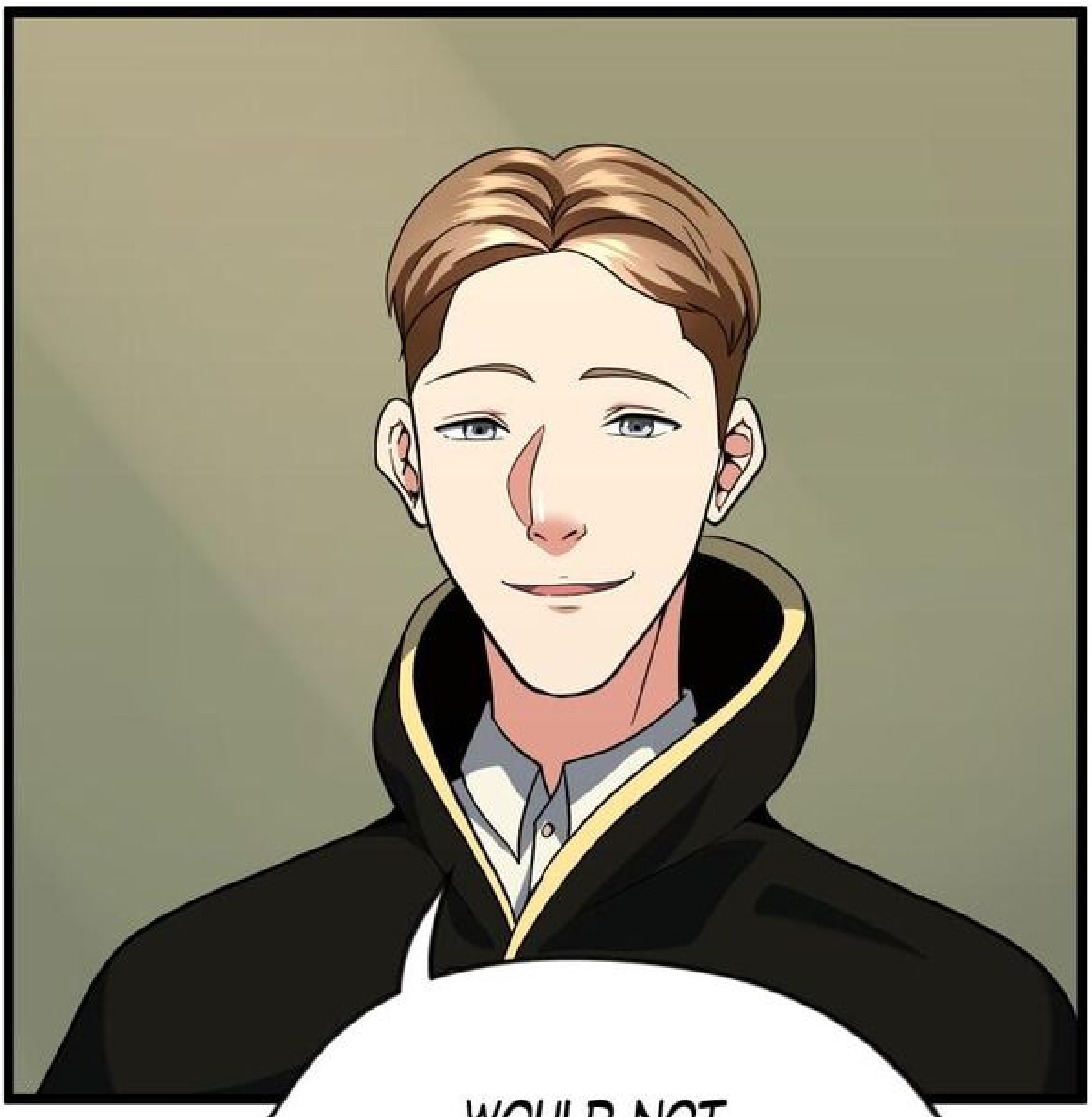
AND

USE

SO TELL ME, CLASS...

IF IN THE END,
TWO MAGES--
ONE CONJURER AND
ONE AUGMENTER--
BOTH REACH THE SILVER
CORE STAGE,

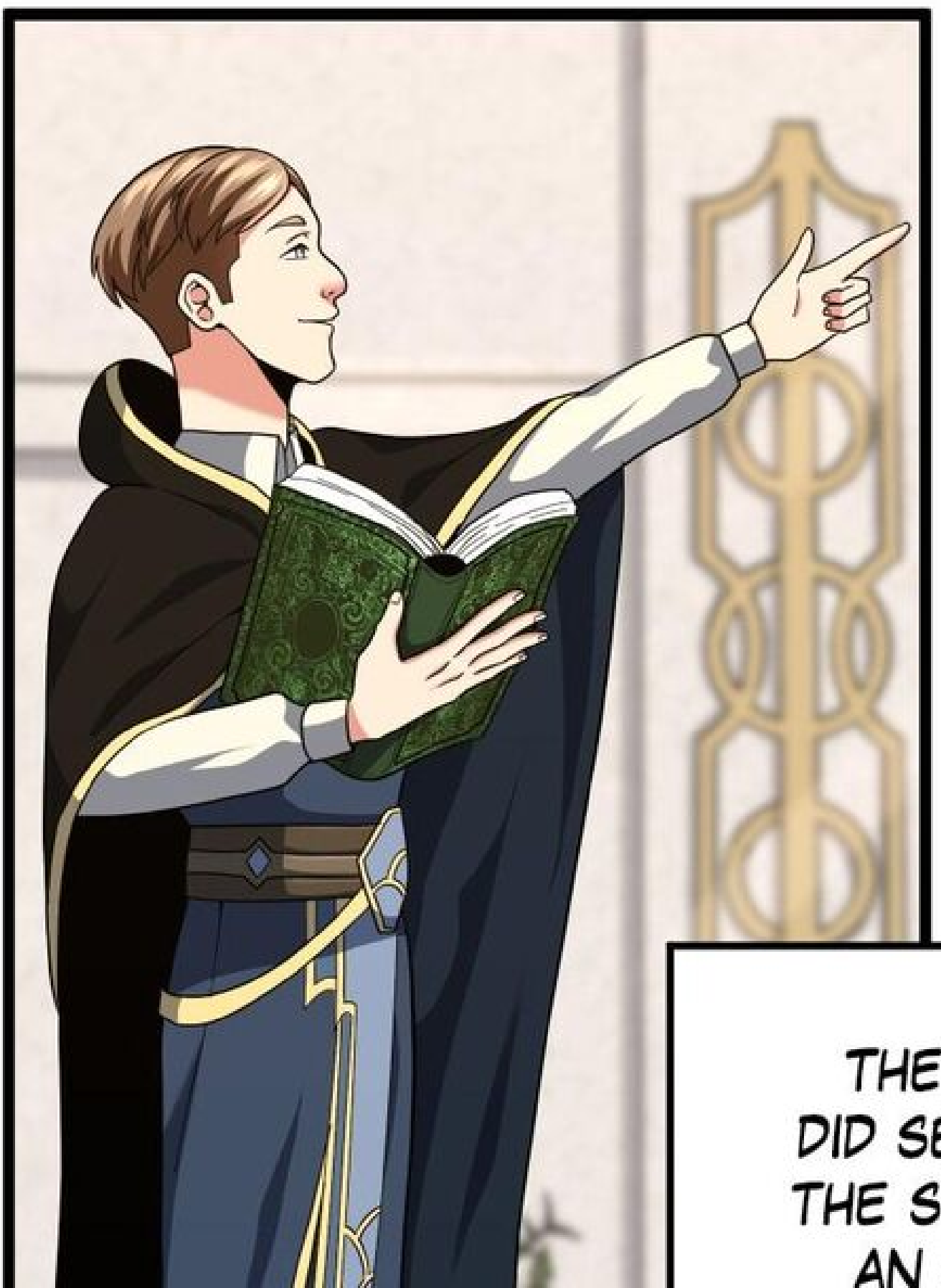
WHO WOULD HAVE
THE ADVANTAGE?



WOULD NOT
THE MAGE THAT NOT ONLY
TRAINS HIS CORE, BUT ALSO
HIS BOD, HAVE THE BIGGER
ADVANTAGE?

THE REST OF THE CLASS WENT ON WITH SOME OF THE CONJURER STUDENTS IN OUR CLASS ARGUING AGAINST PROFESSOR AVIUS'S CLAIMS.

AND WHILE THE DEBATE COULD ONLY USE HYPOTHETICALS AND PREVIOUSLY RECORDED DUALS BETWEEN HIGH-RANKING MAGES,



THE DISCUSSION DID SEEM TO LEAVE THE STUDENTS WITH AN OPEN MIND.

BONG!

BONG!

MY NEXT CLASS IS THIS WAY, BUT I'LL SEE YOU AT LUNCH?

SAVE ME
A SPOT IN LINE
IF YOU GET THERE
FIRST.

LOOKS LIKE THIS CLASS MIGHT BE A BIT MORE INTERESTING.

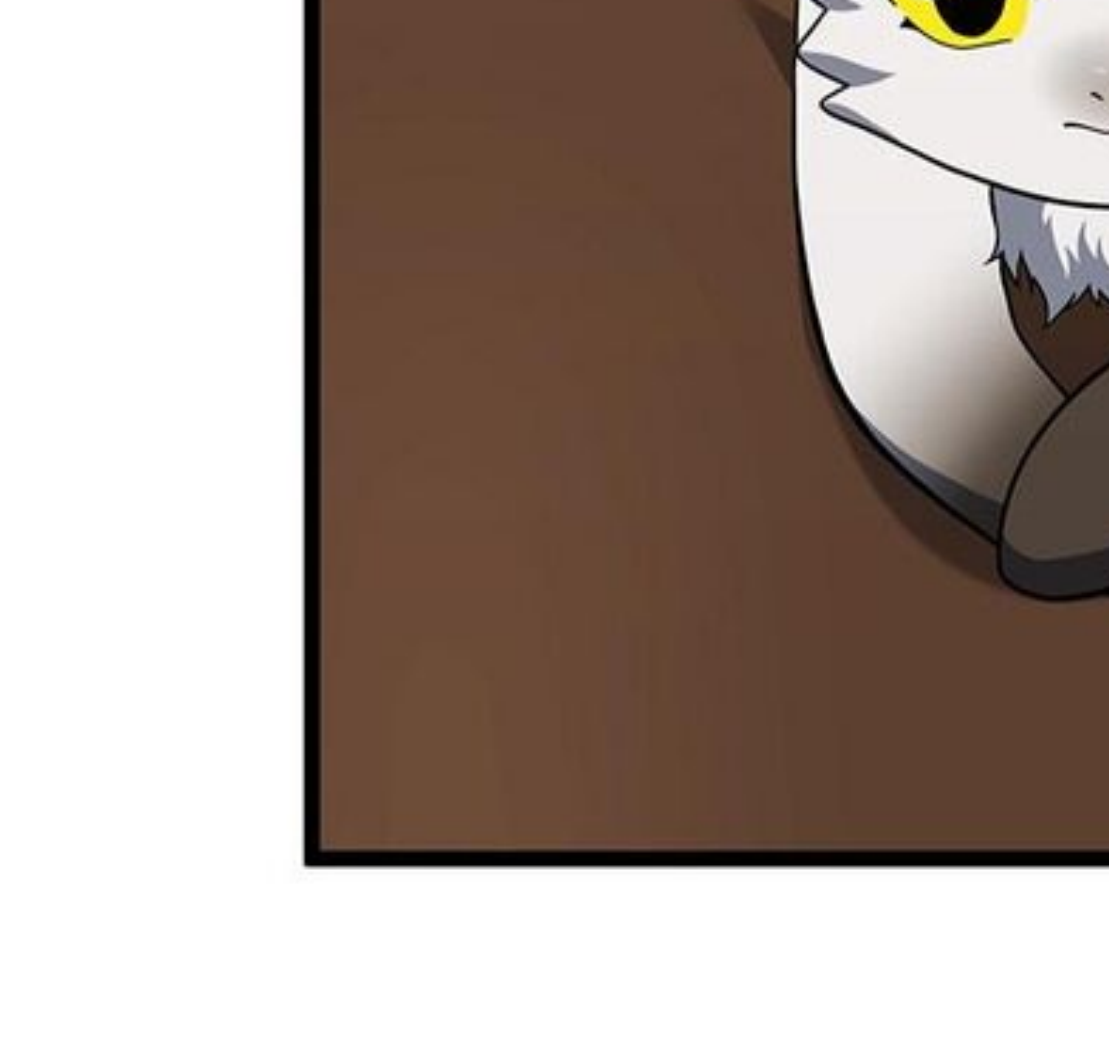
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
SINCE I HAD TO SIT DOWN
FOR SO LONG.

MAY I SIT HERE?

THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER SEATS THOUGH...

SURE, GO AHEAD.

THANK YOU.



CUTE.

LOOK WHO WE HAVE HERE!

IF IT ISN'T PRINCESS KATHYLN AND MY RIVAL...

AND MY RIVAL,
ARTHUR LEYWIN.
SINCE WHEN
WERE WE
RIVALS?

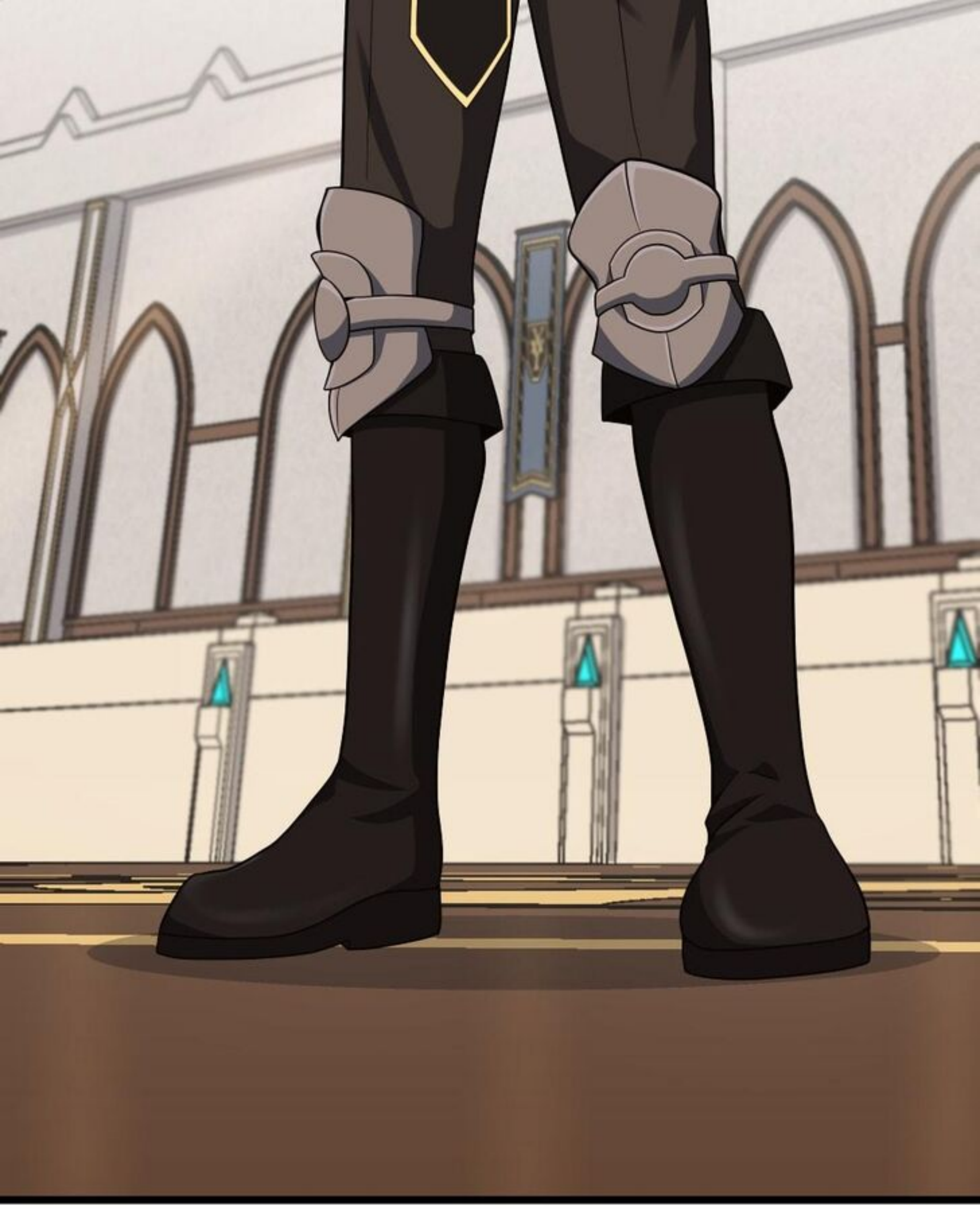
AND WHY ARE YOU SITTING NEXT TO ME TOO?

I KNEW MY CLASS WOULD BE POPULAR BUT WOW! WE HAVE QUITE THE CROWD OF STUDENTS!

ISN'T THAT...

AS YOU ALL KNOW.
THIS CLASS IS *PRACTICAL MANA MANIPULATION.*

WHICH MEANS WE'LL BE DOING THINGS VERY PRACTICALLY, AND BY THAT, I MEAN, THROUGH EXAMPLE.



BECAUSE WHAT BETTER WAY TO LEARN THAN THROUGH HANDS-ON

EXPERIENCE, RIGHT?

THERE ARE QUITE A BIT OF CUTIES HERE--

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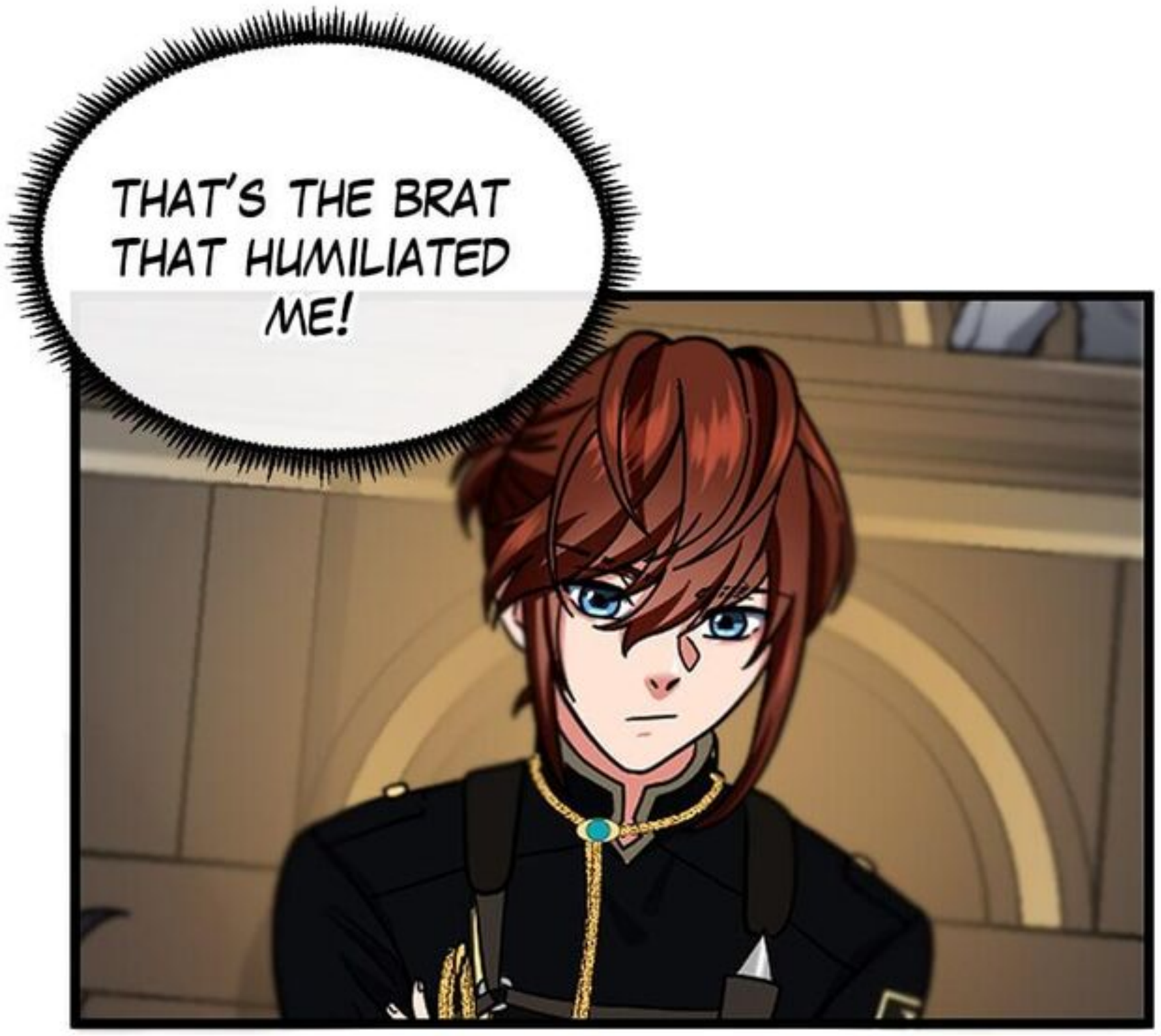

THAT'S THE BRAT THAT HUMILIATED ME!

SO HE REALLY DOES GO TO THIS SCHOOL.

PERFECT.

LOOKS LIKE
I'LL HAVE PLENTY
OF CHANCES TO MAKE
A FOOL OF HIM.

AND IT'S ESPECIALLY AN HONOR TO BE TEACHING OUR VERY OWN DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.

WHAT'S THAT DRUNK PLANNING?

BUT I CAN'T
BE THE ONLY ONE
CURIOUS AS TO WHAT SORT
OF ABILITY THE MEMBERS OF
OUR NEWLY-FORMED DC
CAN BOAST, RIGHT?

AFTER ALL,
THEY'LL BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR PROTECTING ALL
STUDENTS OF THIS
ACADEMY.

WHAT KIND OF
IDIOT WOULD FALL
FOR AN OBVIOUS
BAIT LIKE--

I VOLUNTEER!

I GUESS THIS KIND OF IDIOT.

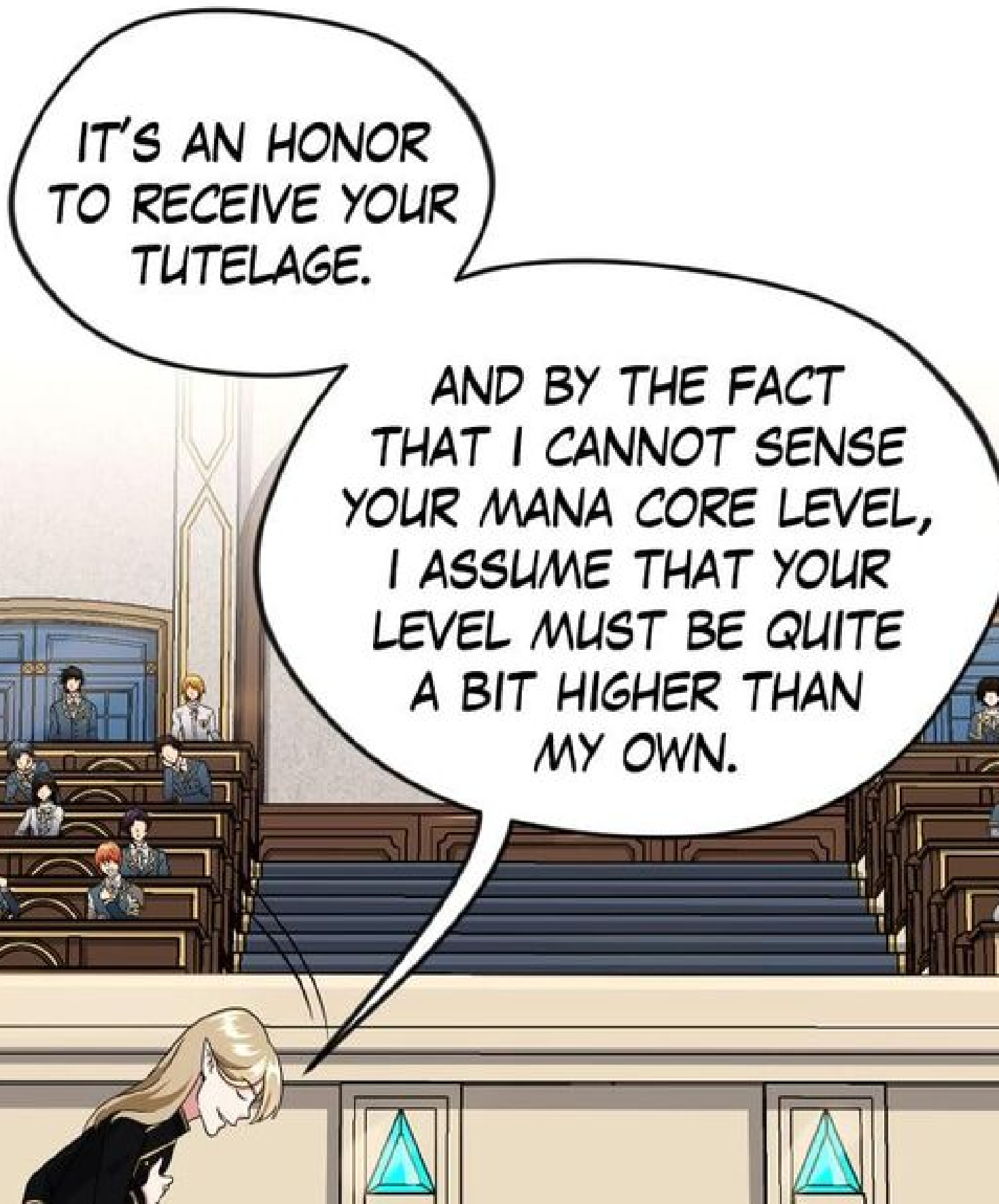
MY NAME IS FEYRITH IVSAAR III.

I AM MORE THAN WILLING, ON BEHALF OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, WHOSE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN PERSONALLY BY DIRECTOR GOODSKY, TO DEMONSTRATE OUR ABILITIES.

SO EASY!

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

FEYRITH, RIGHT? COME DOWN TO THE STAGE!


IT'S AN HONOR TO RECEIVE YOUR TUTELAGE.
AND BY THE FACT THAT I CANNOT SENSE YOUR MANA CORE LEVEL, I ASSUME THAT YOUR LEVEL MUST BE QUITE A BIT HIGHER THAN MY OWN.

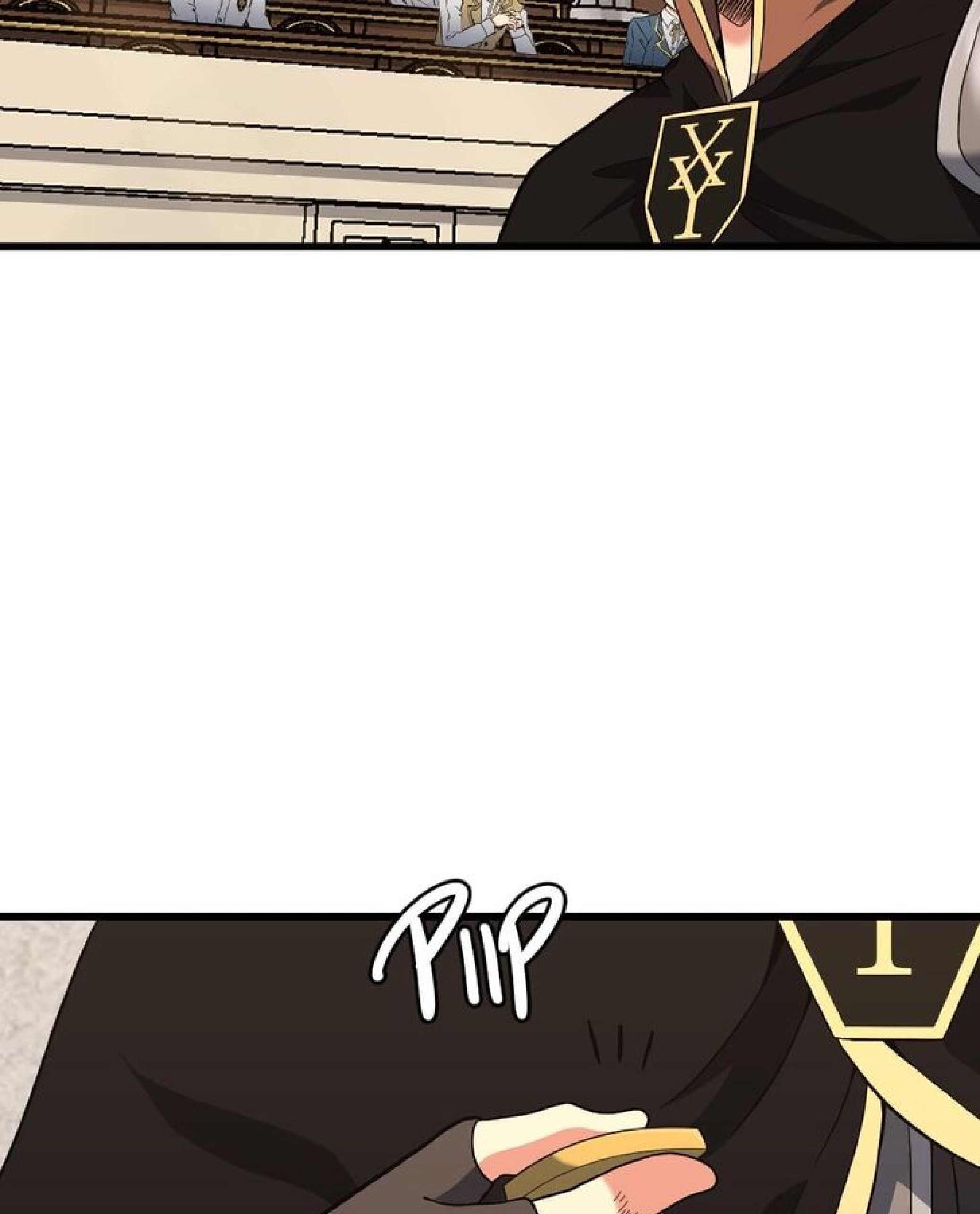
WHILE I AM
AN AUGMENTER,

I'LL ONLY USE LONG-RANGE ATTACKS IN THIS DEMONSTRATION.

THIS WAY,
IF I WERE TO LOSE,
I'LL AT LEAST HAVE
AN EXCUSE.

HA HA

HA HA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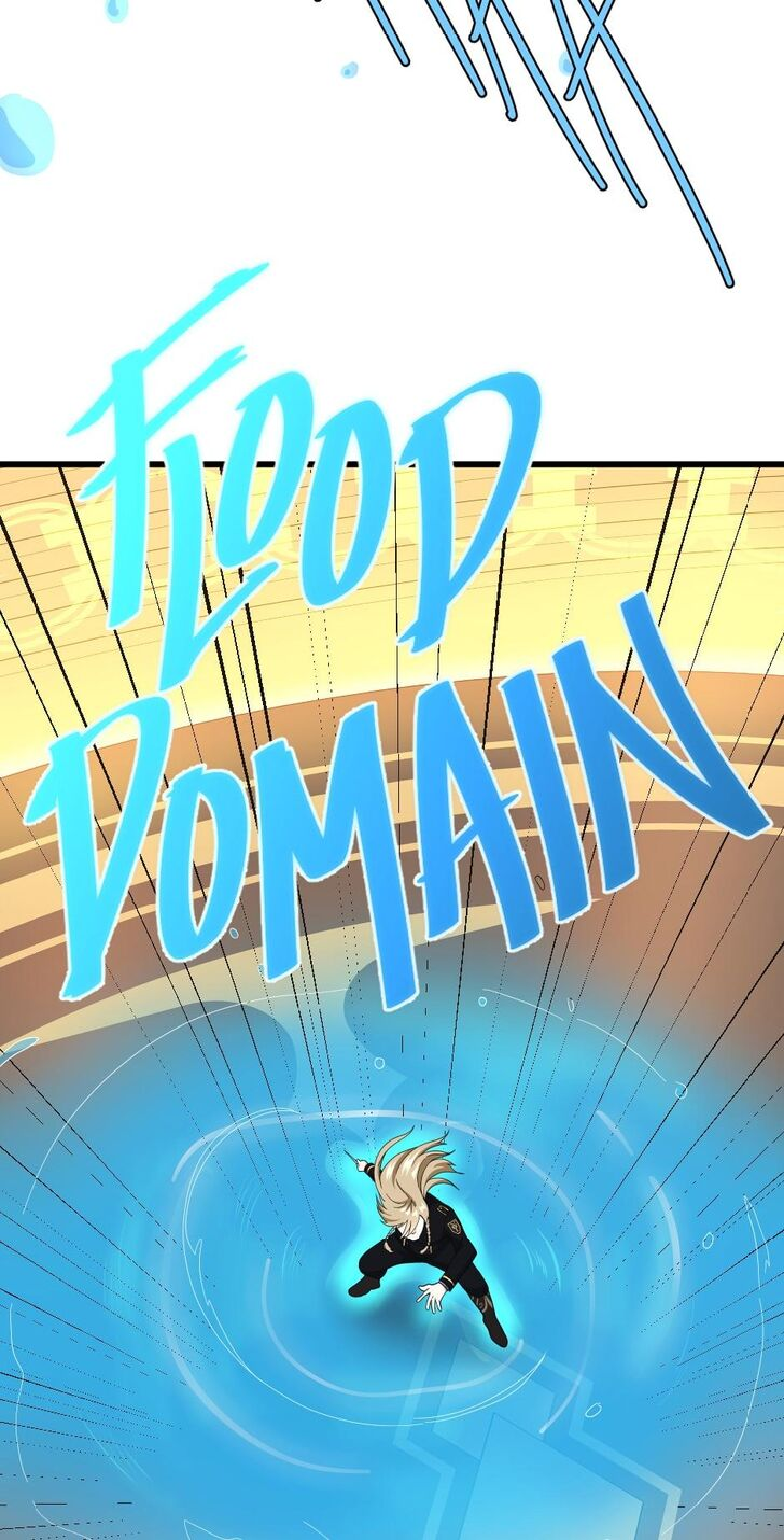
WITH THE BARRIER ACTIVATED, SHALL WE BEGIN?

MY PLEASURE!

WATER PLEASE SUPPORT ME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YOMAN

A HIGHER-TIERED SPELL THAT ADJUSTS THE TERRITORY TO BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CASTER...

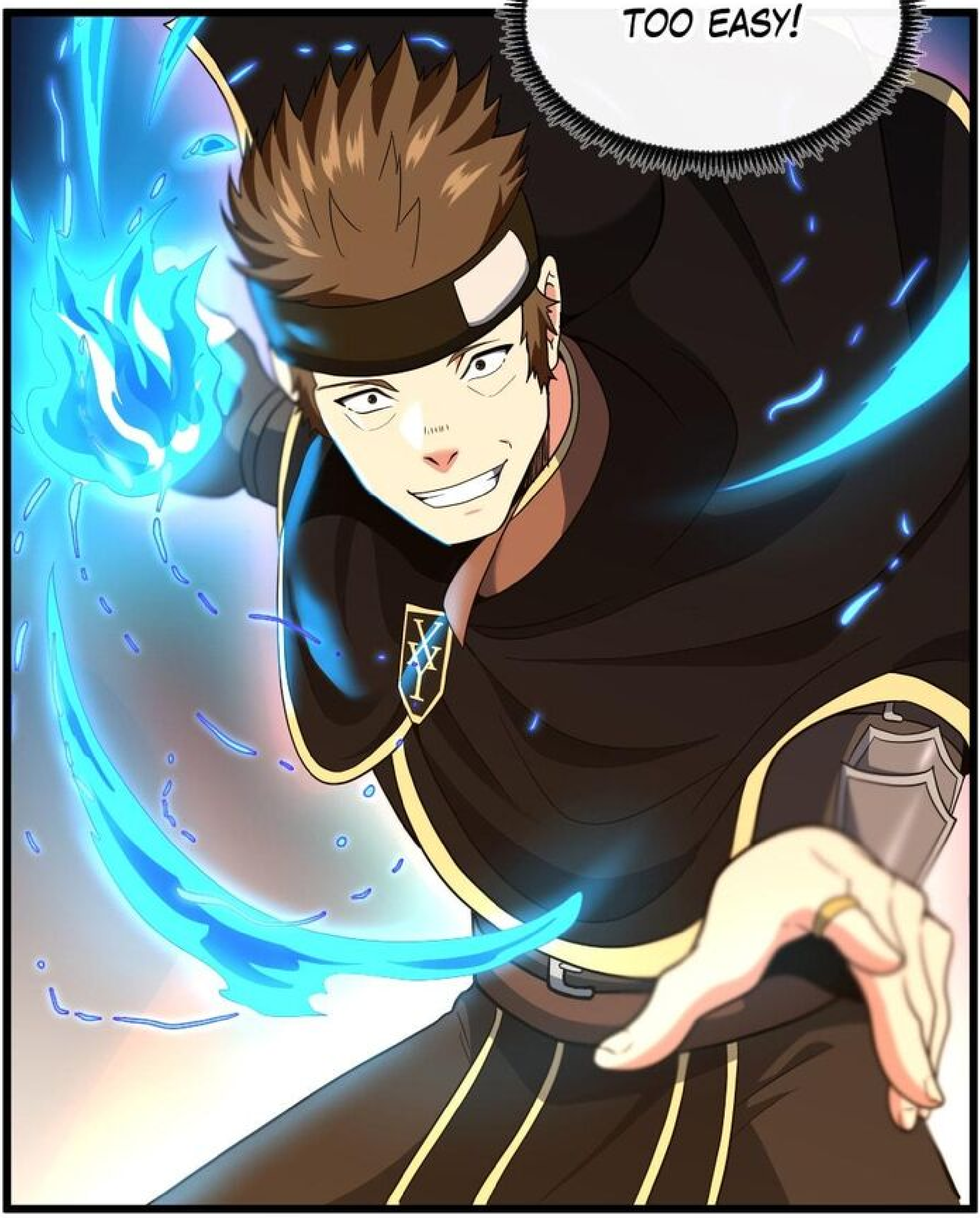
DIDN'T THINK FEYRITH WOULD KNOW A DOMAIN SPELL.

GATHER AND GROW!

SU

TAKE FORM AND LIFE INTO A NEARLING BEAST

WOOSH


TOO EASY!

I GUESS
THE DRUNK ISN'T
ALL TALK IF HE'S
ABLE TO CONJURE
BLUE FLAMES.

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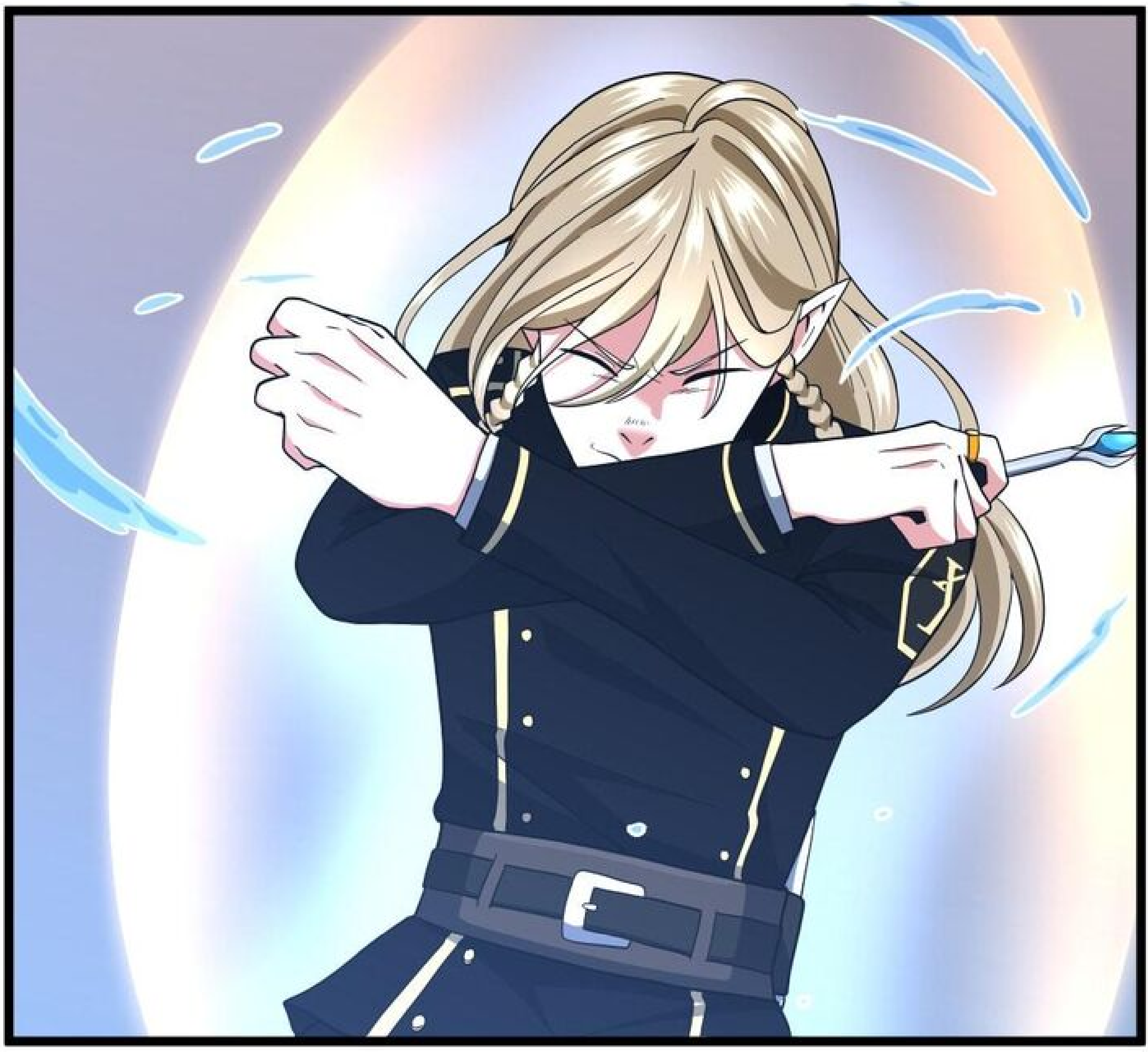

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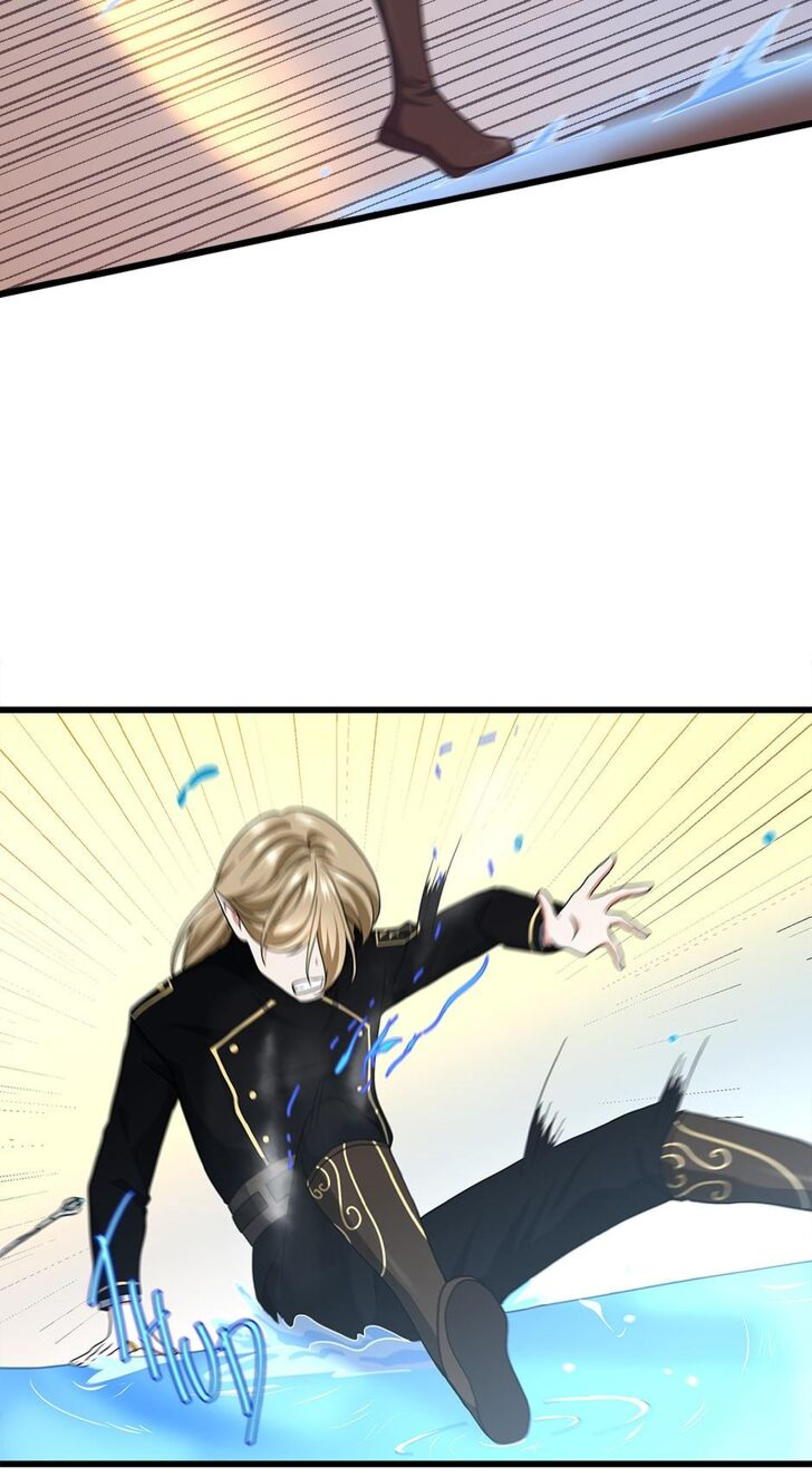

DO YOU SURRENDER?

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I... CONCEDE.

IS HE JUST TRYING TO BOOST HIS EGO BY PURPOSELY HUMILIATING FEYRITH?

KEEP UP WITH US CREATORS ON INSTAGRAM!

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